

1. A method of modeling a tool path in an additive manufacturing process
2 enabling multi-material parts to be fabricated without material interference, the method
comprising the steps of:
4 separately modeling each material as a single or multiple solid part under the
assumption that multiple materials or voids are not present;
6 ordering the parts from the outermost geometry to the innermost geometry; and
performing Boolean operations on the ordered parts to calculate the final volume
8 for each part.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein all of the steps are carried out using a
2 CAD system limited to single-material designs.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the tool path is a spiral-in, spiral-out,
2 arbitrary direction raster path, or a combination thereof.

4. The method of claim 1, further including the step of reflecting the
2 geometries to accommodate overhang or undercut features.

5. The method of claim 1, further including the step of embedding
2 commands as appropriate to accommodate closed- or open-loop control over the
fabrication process.

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6. The method of claim 1, further including the steps of:
- 2 generating multiple tool paths; and
- merging the toolpaths into a single toolpath file.

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